

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7, 10, and 12-15 have been amended. New claims 16 and 17 have been added. Claim 11 was canceled by prior amendment. Accordingly, claims 1-10 and 12-17 are pending in this application. A Request for Continued Examination has been filed with this Amendment so that the Examiner may fully consider the amended claims.

Priority

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority and safe receipt of the priority document.

35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103

Claims 1-5, 7-10 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Squilla (U.S. Patent No. 6,396,537). Claims 6, 13 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Squilla in view of Lang (U.S. Patent No. 5,021,878). Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lang in view of Squilla. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections, and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections for the reasons set forth below.

Support for the Claim Amendments

Amendments to claims 1 and 12 include “authorized information enabling receipt of a privilege service from an attraction system”. For support see, e.g., page 10, lines 3-7, of the specification, e.g., a service ID 502 indicating the kind of privilege in the attraction, an expiration date 503 of the privilege, and a privilege message 504.

Amendment to claim 1 further includes “recording, in a portable recording medium, the authorized information on condition of viewing and listening to the contents”, and amendment to claim 12 includes “the authorized information recorded therein on condition of viewing-and-listening to the contents”. For support, see, e.g., page 7, lines 14-18.

Claim 12 further includes “inputting authorized information from a recording medium having the authorized information recorded therein”. For support, see, e.g., page 14, lines 10-16.

Squilla Does Not Teach or Suggest the Claimed Invention

Applicants invention in claim 1 includes receiving both the “contents” and the “authorized information enabling receipt of the privilege service from the attraction system”. These are received in the receiver, and the authorized information is recorded in a recordable medium on the condition of viewing and listening to the contents. The privilege service of the attraction system is carried out based on the authorized information read from the recording medium.

Squilla discusses that the desired content used in the extra service requested by the user is chosen (step 106 of FIG. 4 and column 8, lines 41-49), and the desired content is downloaded to the camera (step 108 of FIG. 4). Thus, the photographic system of Squilla does not receive or record "the authorized information enabling receipt of the privilege service from the attraction system", as required by Applicant's claim 1. Further the "content" of Squilla is quite different from "the authorized information" of the present invention. As shown at step 104 of FIG. 4 of Squilla, the camera (asserted in the Office Action to correspond to Applicant's "portable recording medium") is used to choose the content received on the camera. However, the reviewing and choosing is performed at a preliminary stage of receiving, and the viewing and listening to the contents themselves is not performed. Furthermore, the preview of the content is performed prior to downloading the content to the camera (i.e., step 108), and thus, differs from viewing and listening to the content itself. Therefore, Squilla does not describe "recording the authorized information, in the portable recording medium, on condition of viewing and listening to the contents" after receiving the authorized information and the contents, as required by Applicant's claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over Squilla.

Additionally, with respect to claim 12, Squilla also fails to teach inputting to input equipment authorized information from a recording medium having the authorized information recorded therein, where the authorized information was recorded therein on condition of viewing-and-listening to contents, and where the

authorized information enables receipt of a privilege service from the attraction system, as recited in amended claim 12. As discussed above, Squilla fails to teach authorized information recorded on a recording medium on condition of viewing-and-listening to contents. Squilla further fails to teach inputting the authorized information from the recording medium to an input equipment, wherein the privilege service is carried out based upon the input authorized information, as also recited in claim 12. Accordingly, claim 12 is also allowable over Squilla.

Further Lang fails to make up for the shortcomings in Squilla set forth above. Lang merely teaches a system for controlling an animated character, and fails to teach or suggest the elements of amended claims 1 or 12. Lang fails to teach "inputting authorized information from a recording medium having the authorized information recorded therein", as recited in claim 12. Lang further fails to teach that the authorized information is recorded "on condition of viewing-and-listening to contents", as also recited in claim 12. Lang also fails to teach "input equipment for inputting authorized information from a recording medium having the authorized information recorded therein," as recited in claim 12. As discussed above, Squilla also fails to teach these limitations. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 12 is patentable over the combination of Lang and Squilla. The remaining claims depend from claims 1 or 12, and are allowable at least because they depend from allowable base claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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